

TAP Seminar Agenda: March 29-31, 2011
City of Houston Office of Veterans Affairs
1216 W. Clay St. Houston, TX 77019

Day 1 – Tuesday March 29, 2011: DoD Pre-Separation Counseling; Education & Training

- 8:00 – 9:30 Department of Defense Pre-Separation Counseling
9:30 – 9:45 Break
9:45 – 11:00 Overview of DoD health programs
 - US Family Health Plan11:00 – 12:30 Lunch provided by the University of St. Thomas
Overview VA Post 9/11 GI Bill education benefits in public 4-year universities
 - University of Houston Veterans Services Office
 - University of Houston-Downtown
 - University of Phoenix
 - Art Institute of Houston
 - ITT Technical Institute12:30 – 2:00 Break
2:15 – 3:30 Overview VA Post 9/11 GI Bill education benefits in public community colleges
 - Houston Community College System
 - Lone Star College System
 - San Jacinto Community College
 - Walden University
 - DeVry University
 - American Intercontinental University3:30 Participant Surveys

Day 2 – Wednesday March 30, 2011: Federal, State and Local Benefits

- 8:00 – 9:30 Overview of Veterans Health Administration programs
 - Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center OEF/OIF Program
 - Vets Resource Center
 - VA Vocational Rehabilitation Program9:30 – 9:45 Break
9:45 – 11:00 Overview of Veterans Benefits Administration programs
 - Houston VA Regional Office OEF/OIF Program
 - Harris County Veterans Services Office
 - Texas Veterans Commission11:00 – 12:30 Lunch program provided by Wounded Warrior Project
12:30 – 2:00 Overview of VA and State of Texas home loan programs
 - VA Home Loan Program
 - Texas Veterans Land Board2:00 – 2:15 Break
2:15 – 3:30 Overview of county and non-profit organization claims services
 - Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
 - Wounded Warrior Project
 - AMVETS
 - Family Services of Greater Houston3:30 Participant Surveys

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Day 4 – Thursday March 31, 2011: Employment & Networking

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| 8:00 – 9:30 | Resume writing, dress for success and job fair programs <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Playsmint.com○ Worklife Institute○ Department of Homeland Security USAjobs.com overview○ Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR) |
| 9:30 – 9:45 | Break |
| 9:45 – 11:00 | Overview of State employment assistance and referral programs <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Veterans Employment & Training Service (VETS), Department of Labor○ Texas Veterans Leadership Program○ Texas Veterans Commission○ American GI Forum○ Goodwill Industries-US VETS○ Career and Recovery Resources |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Lunch program |
| 12:30 – 2:00 | Local employment and unemployment programs for veterans |
| 2:00 – 2:15 | Break |
| 2:15 – 3:30 | Networking with industry recruiters and employment assistance programs <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ CenterPoint Energy○ Continental Airlines○ New England Financial○ World Financial Group○ Veterans of Foreign Wars○ American Legion○ City of Houston Office of Veterans Affairs○ Lone Star Veterans Association○ Texas State Guard |
| 3:30 | Participant Surveys |

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